

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2320**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Fong**

February 21, 2014

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An act to amend Section 84307.5 of the Government Code, relating to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2320, as introduced, Fong. Political Reform Act of 1974: campaign funds.

Existing provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974 prohibit a spouse or domestic partner of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office from receiving compensation from campaign funds held by a controlled committee of the officer or candidate for services rendered in connection with fundraising, as specified.

This bill would instead prohibit a spouse or domestic partner of an elected officer or a candidate for elective office from receiving compensation, in exchange for any services rendered, from campaign funds held by a controlled committee of the officer or candidate.

A violation of the act's provisions is punishable as a misdemeanor. By expanding the scope of an existing crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes

upon a  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act.

Vote:  $\frac{2}{3}$ . Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 84307.5 of the Government Code is  
2 amended to read:

3 84307.5. A spouse or domestic partner of an elected officer or  
4 a candidate for elective office shall not receive, *in exchange for*  
5 *services rendered*, compensation from campaign funds held by a  
6 controlled committee of the elected officer or candidate for elective  
7 office ~~for services rendered in connection with fundraising for the~~  
8 ~~benefit of the elected officer or candidate for elective office.~~

9 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to  
10 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because  
11 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school  
12 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or  
13 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty  
14 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of  
15 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within  
16 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California  
17 Constitution.

18 SEC. 3. The Legislature finds and declares that this bill furthers  
19 the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the  
20 meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government  
21 Code.